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From Bacteria and Temperature Workgroup Meetings on October 16, 2018

The [East Fork Lewis River Partnership](#) Bacteria and Temperature Workgroups met on October 16, 2018, at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The purpose of these meetings was to learn more about implementation efforts underway in the East Fork Lewis River Watershed, Clark County, and Southwest Washington; to start identifying critical areas and priority implementation actions; and discuss opportunities to address water quality impairments in the watershed.

Next Steps

- **Private Landowner Technical Assistance meeting – November 19, 2018**
To support the development of a Water Cleanup Plan for the East Fork Lewis River, a meeting to discuss Private Landowner Technical Assistance will be held on November 19, 2018. If you are interested in learning more about this meeting or participating, contact [Devan Rostorfer](#), Department of Ecology.
- **Next East Fork Lewis River Partnership Meeting – January 2019**
The November East Fork Lewis River Partnership meeting has been postponed. The next partnership meeting will be in January 2019. A meeting announcement with more details will be sent soon.

Meeting Summary

- East Fork Lewis River Partners were welcomed to the workgroup meetings by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Region 5 Director, Kessina Lee; and Region 5 Habitat Program Manager, David Howe.
- Following the welcome, presentations on [fecal coliform bacteria](#) and [temperature impairments](#) were given by Devan Rostorfer, TMDL Lead from the Washington State Department of Ecology.
- Some projects in the East Fork Lewis River were highlighted by Implementation Partners.
 - Shawn Ultican and Jennifer Riedmayer from the [Department of Ecology's Nonpoint Source program](#) presented how they will be working in the East Fork Lewis River to address bacteria issues.
 - Sean Hawes from [Clark County Public Health](#) presented on efforts to improve septic systems in Clark County.
 - Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board provided an update on long-term efforts to improve water quality in the region.
 - Richard Dyrlund from [Friends of the East Fork](#) presented on historical projects in the watershed.

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- Partners also had the opportunity to participate in a work session ([summary](#)) to discuss opportunities, challenges, and what's needed to improve water quality in the East Fork Lewis River.
- All agendas, presentations, meeting materials, and more information about the partnership are all available on the new [East Fork Lewis River Ezview](#) webpage.

Thank you for your partnership!

Thank you to the following organizations for attending the Bacteria and Temperature Workgroup meetings on October 16, 2018 - Clark County Public Works, Clark County Public Health, City of Battleground, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington, Washington State University Extension, Wapato Valley Mitigation and Conservation Bank, Columbia Land Trust, Friends of Clark County, Friends of the East Fork, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service Gifford Pinchot National Forest, and Washington State Department of Ecology.

We enjoy working with you!

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